

Church replicas being sold at Lehman-Idetown

The Lehman-Idetown United Methodist Church is holding a yearlong anniversary celebration.

The Lehman UMC will be celebrating its 150th anniversary, Idetown UMC is celebrating its 141st anniversary and this year marks the second anniversary of the Lehman-Idetown UMC merger. The theme for the celebration is "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow."

To celebrate the anniversary, replicas of both churches are being sold. The cost is \$15 each or two for \$25. The shelf sitters may be purchased after church services, or by calling Beverly Ide at 639-1323 or Judith Dawe at 675-3557. We are also selling a commemorative Christmas ornament. The cost of this is \$10 and the ornament may be purchased at church.

A special music concert will be held Friday, Sept. 16 at the Lehman-Idetown United Methodist Church on Mountain View Drive in Lehman Township. The time will be announced at a later date.

Reservations are being taken for the special anniversary banquet, which will be held Saturday, Sept. 16 at the Knights of Columbus in Luzerne. The cost of the family-style dinner is \$16. There is no charge for children age 5 and under. Reservations, along with payment, must be made no later than Sept. 1.

At the banquet, the church will honor members who have been with the church for 50 or more years. Past pastors will also be honored. A time capsule from 25 years ago will be opened and items from the present and recent past will be placed into a new capsule to be opened in 2031. Anyone with a special item of the church's ministry and church life should bring the items to the church.

BIBLE SCHOOL PROMISES TO BE A REAL TREASURE

Grace Community Church will hold its annual Vacation Bible School from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Aug. 7 through Aug. 11 at the church on Route 415 in Dallas. The church is located across from Chapel Lawn Cemetery. The theme for the VBS is "Treasure Cove" and children ages 3-12 are invited to enjoy Bible stories, activities, songs, crafts, games and snacks. Each day, there will be a quest to find a missing treasurer. Early registration is encouraged. To register, call 675-3723 or visit the Web site www.gracechurchdallas.org.

CHURCH BRIEFS

Summer luncheon set for Lehman-Idetown UMC

The Lehman-Idetown United Methodist Women will hold a summer luncheon at noon Tuesday, Aug. 8 at Pickett's Charge Restaurant on Route 415 in Dallas. Reservations must be made no later than Aug. 4. For reservations, call Jayne Haeefele at 639-5051.

Loyalville UMC plans meatloaf dinner

The Loyalville United Methodist Church will hold a baked meatloaf dinner from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12 at the church on Loyalville Road. The church is located one-half mile off Route 29 south and 4 miles west of Dallas from Route 118. There will also be a bake sale.

Takeouts will be available and orders should be called in advance. Dinners are \$8 for adults and \$3.50 for children under age 12. For takeout orders or more information, call 477-3521.

Community VBS to begin Aug. 7

A community-wide Vacation Bible School "The Xtreme Encounter: A Salvation Space Journey" will be held from 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 7-11 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Route 118 in Dallas Township. The event for children ages 3 and older is being sponsored by churches of the Back Mountain Ministerium. The following churches will be represented - Shavertown United Methodist, St. Paul's Lutheran, Dallas United Methodist, Trinity Presbyterian, Prince of Peace Episcopal and Huntsville United Methodist.

The Bible school will feature music, crafts, stories, games and snacks. The registration deadline is July 23 and limited to 150 children. Forms are available at the churches listed above or by contacting Jennifer Martin of the Prince of Peace Episcopal Church at 675-1723 or princeofpeace@epix.net.

Maple Grove UMC plans chicken barbecue

The Maple Grove United Methodist Church will hold its annual chicken barbecue from

4-7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 5 at the church on Main Road in Sweet Valley. The church is located ¼ mile from Sheldon's Lunch on Route 118. Adult dinners are \$7 and child dinners are \$3.50. Takeouts are also available. For more information, call 570-639-2958.

Center Moreland UMC holding corn roast

The Center Moreland United Methodist Church will hold its Fun Day/Corn Roast at 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 20 at the church on Creamery Road in Center Moreland. Corn, meat and place settings will be provided. Guest may bring a finger food and a lawn chair, if desired. For more information, call 836-1843 or 333-4354.

The church will not hold an 11 a.m. worship service Sunday, Aug. 27. The 8:30 a.m. service will be the only service on that day.

Children invited

to 'Rec with Rock'

The Vacation Bible School-like "Rec with the Rock" will be held from 6-10 p.m. Aug. 12 at the Rock Recreation Center at the Back Mountain Harvest Assembly Church in Trucksville. Children ages 2-12 are welcome to attend the Saturday night events, which include games, snacks and crafts. There is no charge to attend, but donations will be accepted to benefit the Pittsburgh Project.

Men's breakfast held each Tuesday

The Shavertown United Methodist Church recently began holding a weekly ecumenical men's breakfast. The group meets at 8 a.m. each Tuesday at Pickett's Charge restaurant on Route 415 in Dallas. The Dutch treat breakfast is followed by fellowship and a short devotion period. The breakfast, fellowship and devotion period last no longer

than one hour.

Men from all Back Mountain churches are encouraged to attend.

Awana Club meets at Grace Community

The Awana Club ministry at the Grace Community Church in Dallas meets from 6-7:45 p.m. every Wednesday at the church, which is located across from Chapel Lawn Cemetery on Memorial Highway.

The Bible-based club is open to boys and girls ages 4 through sixth grade. The club consists of Bible teaching, fun, fellowship, games and special events.

For more information, call the church office at 675-3723.

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